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Claim 1. (Currently Amended) In a quick release safety attachment for a stirrup
5 having spring-loaded rods and annular bushings for the rods in a sleeve, said safety
attachment resting in a stirrup strap for releasably engaging the ends of a stirrup from
the ends of the rods and a pair of lever arms extending radially outward from the sleeve
having inner ends engaging the rods for controlling the disengagement of the rods from
the ends of the stirrup, the improvement comprising:

10 an annular thin washer-like bearing within the sleeve adjacent each bushing, with
an end of each spring in the sleeve pressing up against its associated bearing, said rods
movably extending through the annular openings in the respective bearings for
engagement with the stirrup..

Claim 2. (Original) The quick release safety attachment for a stirrup as described in
15 claim 1 further including;

- a) notches at the outer ends of said arms for engagement with one another for
releasably securing said arms together;
- b) a strap for releasably wrapping around said arms with the notches engaged;
- c) said arms having a curvature adapted to generally conform to the curvature of
20 the leg of the rider.